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TWO CENTS.

PEACE TALK IS REVIVED

**Germans Take Great Interest
in President Wilson's
Charlotte Speech**

FAVOR UNITED STATES IN MEDIATOR'S ROLE

**Does Not Wish to Be Jockeyed Into a
Position of Announcing Readiness of
Accepting Good Offices to Find Allies
Rejecting Tender.**

BERLIN, May 25.—A wireless dispatch from the United States giving the substance of President Wilson's speech at Charlotte, N. C., in which he alluded to the possibility of American mediation in the war, is given the place of honor in the morning papers. The afternoon editions returned to the subject and their comments together with the wide interest shown by the German public show how important this news is regarded here. Though definitely stated nowhere there is little doubt that Germany is willing to consider a tender of good offices to inaugurate peace negotiations. The former attitude in the highest quarters that America had disqualified herself as a peace mediator on account of her shipment of munitions to the allies has now changed.

If President Wilson can hold out any tangible possibilities that peace may result through his mediation Germany undoubtedly will be willing to consider such suggestions as he may offer. This receptive attitude is naturally subject to the conditions that Germany is not jockeyed into a position of announcing her readiness to accept President Wilson's good offices, only to find the allies later rejecting the tender and asserting that Germany is using for peace. There is equally little doubt that the great masses of people aside from the professional diplomats in newspaper offices would willingly see America in the role of peace intermediary.

ITALIANS DESTROY AUSTRIAN GUNBOAT

**Crew of the Austrian Craft Taken
Prisoners—Fire Also Brought
Down Aeroplane.**

ROME, May 25.—An Austrian aeroplane and an Austrian gunboat have been destroyed in a battle with an Italian gunboat in the Upper Adriatic. The crew of the Austrian craft were taken prisoners. A building on the outskirts of Trieste was also destroyed by an Austrian submarine which was driven off by the coast batteries before much damage was done. Porto Ferrajo is the capital of the island of Elba and if the Austrian submarine started from the Austrian base at Pola it must have almost completely circumnavigated Italy to reach its objective.

NO ACTION ON DYESTUFFS.

**Cecil Says Offer to Germany Made in
1915 Has Lapsed.**

LONDON, May 25.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, informed the house of commons yesterday afternoon that a proposal had been received to permit the exportation from Germany to the American government of dyestuffs, but that no answer had yet been given.

Lord Robert Cecil agreed with Sir John Lonsdale, who was the questioner, that the object of Germany's desire to export dyestuffs was to keep up German exchange with America and that this was not to England's interest.

Lord Robert said that in 1915 the British government was willing to allow the exportation from Germany to the United States of two cargoes of dyestuffs but that this offer had lapsed.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, May 25, 8 p. m.—Rehearsal of the first degree.

A regular meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3, will be held Thursday evening at 7:30. Reports of representatives to department council will be given.

Friendship circle will meet in Odd Fellows' temple Friday, May 26. Supper will be served at 6:15.

**Safety First
Quality Next**
in the Shop of Sanitation
**The Brooks House Sanitary
Barber Shop**
5 EXPERT WORKMEN
and Some Shine Artist

ALLIES GET REPLY TO MAIL SEIZURE NOTE

**United States Takes Issue with the En-
tente's View and Insists Acts
Are Illegal.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The reply of the United States to the last joint note of the British and French governments on the question of interfering with mails has been completed and was communicated yesterday to the French and British ambassadors for transmission to Paris and London. The note will be made public on Saturday.

It is understood that the United States takes issue with all the main points raised in the last note from the Entente. The government denies that the seizure of mails from the United States to neutral countries can be construed as coming within the spirit of international law, and it fails to see how Great Britain and France can legally justify their procedure on the ground that Germany has violated the law.

It has been the constant contention of the state department that two wrongs do not make a right and the United States cannot see why its interests should suffer at the hands of the entente because of charges which these powers bring against Germany. Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, has had several talks with Counselor Polk relative to settling the dispute over detention and seizure of mails. The ambassador has stated that the entente is willing to do everything which can be done without interfering with matters of vital military expediency in order to adjust the matter with the United States.

The most serious aspect of the question at present is the fact that the Entente claims Germany is violating postal regulations by arranging for the sending of contraband from the United States. The Entente claims that this necessitates some supervision of the mails.

ALL GERMAN MEAT IN DICTATOR'S HANDS

**Every Pound in the Entire Empire Is
to Be Inventoried If It Is to Be
Sold.**

BERLIN, May 25.—All the meat in Germany will be placed today in the hands of the newly created imperial meat bureau under an ordinance promulgated by the Federal council.

This bureau alone will have power to direct the sale or further disposal of meat at "reasonable prices," presumably only to communal organizations or meat dealers operating under communal control. If it is impossible to establish prices by mutual agreement, the authorities will fix them.

A census of all meat supplies, including smoked and pickled as well as fresh meats, will be taken throughout the empire tomorrow. This census will differ from all former tabulations of the kind in that it is provided that "quantities designed solely for the household of the owner" need not be reported.

Important political conferences to thoroughly discuss measures to be put in force under the so-called food dictatorship have just been held by the sovereign of the German empire and by the imperial chancellor.

GUARDSMEN BEFORE COURT MARTIAL

**The 116 Members Who Failed to Pre-
sent Themselves for Muster Will
Be Prosecuted.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Reversing his previous decision Secretary Baker announced today that the 116 members of the Texas National Guard who failed to present themselves for muster in the federal service will be brought to court martial immediately under the present law. Mr. Baker had intended to wait the signing of the new military law now before the President and proceed under its provisions.

Secretary Baker explained his action by pointing out that the Dick law requires an obligation to defend the constitution and obey orders of the governor of the state, but not the orders of the President. The Hay-Chamberlain act requires a national guardsman to obey orders of both the governor and the President. Upon recommendation of Judge Advocate General Crowder the secretary has decided that the alleged offenses of guardsmen refusing to present themselves for muster was committed under Dick law and trial should be under that law.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

**Germans Wish Restriction to Apply
Only to Military Matters.**

BERLIN, May 25, via London.—The reichstag devoted this afternoon to a discussion of the press censorship and other features of martial law. The budget committee moved the adoption of resolutions requiring military authorities to obtain the consent of the chancellor before they ordered the suspension of the publication of any newspaper and asking the chancellor to introduce a bill securing the people against encroachment of their civil rights in non-military matters.

Another resolution asked the chancellor to guarantee the impartiality of the censorship and its restriction to military matters only. Several speakers complained that the censorship had grown worse rather than better since the last discussion in the reichstag.

ARE WHOLLY INADEQUATE

**Republicans Protest Against
the Report for Naval
Appropriations**

WOULD HAVE OUR RANK SECOND IN WORLD

**Minority Report Charges That Majority
Ignored the Opinion of Naval Ex-
perts and the Recommendations of
Secretary Daniels.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Republican members of the house naval affairs committee in a minority report submitted to the house today, denounced the \$211,000,000 naval appropriations bill reported by the majority as wholly inadequate and urged more liberal allowance to make the United States navy the second greatest in the world.

The minority charged that the majority report ignored the opinion of naval experts and the recommendation of Secretary Daniels and was based on a compromise between the interests which wanted no additional naval protection and those which wanted only a slight increase.

GEN. FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE MILITIA

**Indicated at His Headquarters That
They Are Sought for the Want
of Regulars.**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 25.—General Frederick Funston's request for more coast artillery, it is understood here, has been refused by the war department.

The additional units of the regular army and the militia of three border states have enabled him materially to strengthen the patrols along the long border, but even with that added force there remain many weak points, it is said, and it was to protect them that he asked for more companies of coast artillery.

General Funston refused to confirm the report, but it was indicated at his headquarters that he had replied to the department's refusal by a request that more militia be sent to him.

The moving toward the border today. The first regiment to go will be the Second Texas, with headquarters at Brownsville. This will be followed by a regiment moving Saturday to Eagle Pass, and two days later another regiment will enter the Brownsville district.

Despatches from General Pershing indicated no sharp developments, but reports from him and from other sources reflected the activity of Mexican troops. In strong numbers the Mexicans were reported moving to stations nearer the frontier, but there was nothing to indicate that the motive was other than to establish over Northern Mexico an effective police force.

DEATH NOT CAUSED BY CRIMINAL ACT

**Report of the Coroner in Connection
with Shooting of Striker at
Ansonia, Conn.**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 25.—The death of Charles Lake, 30, a striker who was killed during a riot at the factory of the Ansonia Manufacturing company in Ansonia last Thursday, during which shots were exchanged between the strikers and the Ansonia police and special police in the factory, was due to "a gunshot wound inflicted upon him during the finding of the coroner. The coroner reported that he was of the opinion that death was not caused by a criminal act, omission or carelessness of any person.

ALLIES REASSURE SERBIA.

**Insist Peace Terms Must Include Na-
tion's Restoration.**

ATHENS, via London, May 22 (Delayed).—In an interview today Prince Alexander of Serbia stated that the allies had given him assurances that there would be no peace terms after the war which did not include the restoration of Serbia. He declared that the Serbian people have suffered untold hardships under the occupation of the Bulgarians and Austrians.

The fate of the civil population of Serbia, the Prince declared, was worrying the Serbian officials most, for the population is gradually being exterminated. He praised highly the work of Dr. Edward Ryan, the American physician who is now in Belgrade.

THE WEATHER.

**Fair Tonight and Friday—Gentle to
Moderate Winds.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Friday. Gentle to moderate winds, mostly south and southwest.

SHOOTS CHILD AND HIMSELF

**Two Dead in Weston as Re-
sult of Tragedy This
Afternoon**

WILLIAM GROVER HAD TROUBLE WITH WIFE

**Appeared at Home of Earl White,
Where She Was Employed, Kills
Daughter and Then Turns Weapon
On Himself—Lived in Rutland.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

SOUTH LONDONDERRY, May 25.

A double tragedy was committed in Weston at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when William Grover shot and killed his daughter, six years old, and then killed himself with the same weapon.

Grover, formerly lived in Weston but recently he has been living in Rutland. He had trouble with his wife and they were not living together. Mrs. Grover was employed in the home of Earl White in Weston, about eight miles from here.

This afternoon Grover appeared at the White home and committed the crime. He was about 30 years old. His wife is a daughter of P. H. Fuller of Weston.

HENRY CRAWFORD OF PUTNEY DEAD

**Formerly Prominent Breeder of Horses
and Raiser of Cattle and Sheep
—Well Known Farmer.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

PUTNEY, May 25.

Henry Crawford, 72, one of the town's leading farmers and for many years until a few years ago a prominent horse breeder and stock raiser, died in his home on the Westminster West road about 4 o'clock this morning. He had been ill about two weeks with neuralgia of the heart.

Mr. Crawford formerly actively participated in the affairs of the town, and he had represented the town in the legislature. He was born Jan. 12, 1844, in the house where he died, a son of Mark and Judith Hunt (Mason) Crawford. The house, a two-story brick structure, was built by his grandfather, Theophilus Crawford, more than 100 years ago.

He bought the place in 1868, and carried on cattle, sheep and horse raising with excellent financial results until he gave up that business a few years ago. He had owned many fine horses with fast records.

On Feb. 14, 1872, Mr. Crawford married Lydia Lowell of Boston, who died several years ago. About a year ago Mr. Crawford married Ida Watson of New Haven, Conn., who survives. He also leaves three children, Hugh Crawford of Brattleboro, agent for Alden Bros. of Boston, wholesale milk dealers; Malcolm Crawford of Hatfield, Mass., and Annie, wife of Edgar D. Sanders of Brattleboro.

QUIET AT DOUAUMONT.

**At Another Point Germans Secured
Footing in French Trenches.**

PARIS, May 25.—German troops made an attack last night on the French positions on the Verdun front east of the Meuse near the Hundreumt quarry and obtained a footing in one of the French trenches, the war office announced today. East of Cumieres and west of the Meuse the French made some progress in hand-to-hand fighting. There was no infantry action at Fort Douaumont last night. Activity on the part of the artillery was particularly severe in the vicinity of Hill No. 304 and in the sector from Dead Man's hill to Cumieres.

TRUE BILLS FOUND.

**Grand Jury Indicts Sir Roger Casement
and His Accomplice.**

LONDON, May 25.—The grand jury returned true bills against Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Sinn Féin revolt, and Daniel J. Bailey, the former British soldier, who is held as his accomplice.

DUBLIN, May 25.—Astonishingly little interest is displayed here in the trial of Sir Roger Casement, both in political and general circles. Casement was almost entirely unknown here before the war. Since then vague reports of his activities in Germany have been all that have reached the Irish public, in spite of the fact that he was in touch with the leaders of the recent rebellion. The judge fixed the time for the trial of Sir Roger as June 26.

LLOYD TO NEGOTIATE.

**Minister of Munitions to Deal with
the Irish Leaders.**

LONDON, May 25.—Announcement was made by Premier Asquith today that at the request of the government David Lloyd, minister of munitions, had undertaken negotiations with the Irish leaders.

AGAINST USE OF TOBACCO

**Total Abstinence Urged in
One of Reports to Meth-
odist Conference**

THE MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS

**Likely to Be Made the Subject of
Stringent Regulations — Polygamy
and the Social Evil Condemned by
Committee on Temperance.**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 25.—More stringent regulations regarding re-marriage by Methodist ministers of divorced persons are provided in the report submitted today by the committee on the state of the church at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. By the proposed change a minister who performs such a marriage is guilty of maladministration and is to be held answerable to his conference on this charge.

The total abstinence by the Methodist church members from habitual use of tobacco is urged in another report, which denounces the habit as "out of harmony with best Christian light."

Polygamy and the social evil are condemned by the committee on temperance and public morals. The enforcement of laws prohibiting the former is urged.

The conference refused by a vote of 435 to 360 to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides the penalty of expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theatre.

TRAFFIC RULES ARE RECEIVED FAVORABLY

**Proposed Regulations Not Likely to
Meet Much Opposition—Drivers
of Teams Worst Offenders.**

Inquiry among numerous automobile

drivers and some drivers of teams develops the fact that there is almost unanimity of opinion favorable in the most part to the adoption and enforcement of the proposed traffic regulations published in The Reformer Tuesday.

Officers and drivers of machines consider that the traffic posts which were placed in position at the corner of Main and High streets and Main and Elliotts have considerably improved traffic conditions on the principal streets, although the automobile drivers complain that some drivers of horses continue to ignore the posts.

There is no question that they are the most flagrant offenders when the question of turning the corners on the right side of the street is considered.

There are many drivers of automobiles, however, who continue to turn corners with a speed that is far out side the limits of the proposed regulations.

The selectmen and village commissioners are to have a joint meeting Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the office of the selectmen, when suggestions from owners and drivers of vehicles of all kinds about the new regulations will be gladly welcomed. It appears, at present, that there is not likely to be much objection, if all are to be treated alike and held up to the standard of carefulness required of automobile drivers.

GEORGE W. COLEMAN WILL BE PARDONED

**Stole \$300,000 from the National City
Bank of Cambridge — In Jail In
Greenfield.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The federal parole board has recommended and Attorney General Gregory has approved the parole of George W. Coleman, convicted several years ago of misappropriating the funds of the National city bank of Cambridge, Mass.

Coleman has served five years and five months of a 15-years' sentence in the Greenfield, Mass., prison. He will be released in a few days.

NEW MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS

**Change Is Made to Offset the Redis-
tribution of Certain Carranza
Commands.**

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, May 25.—A new movement of American troops along Gen. Pershing's line of communication was reported here today. The movements made within the last 48 hours were said to offset the redistribution of certain Carranza commands, but no details were available at military headquarters and it was pointed out that any movements under way were minor and do not effect the general expeditionary policy.

Cavalry patrols are scouting through the Namiquipa district, according to fragmentary reports reaching here, but these, it was learned, are acting merely as intelligence detachments.

A West Virginia company is making potash from hitherto waste stems of tobacco plants.

STATEN'S SUIT FOR \$10,000 ON TRIAL

**Claims Central Vermont Railway Co.
Is Liable for Damages Because of
Vernon Shooting Affair.**

The suit of Herbert A. Staten of Vernon against the Central Vermont Railway Co. to recover \$10,000 for injuries received when he was shot twice June 8, 1915, with bullets from a rifle in the hands of Hugh Collins, at that time a substitute station agent in the employ of the company at Vernon, has begun in county court this morning. Collins was arrested and later sentenced to the state prison in Windsor for not more than nine years and not less than seven. He is in court during trial, having been brought from prison on a habeas corpus writ by Sheriff C. E. Mann to appear as a witness in the case.

The suit is brought under Section 4506 of the Public Statutes, which provides, among other things, that a railroad shall be liable for damages sustained by a person by any act of an employee who is retained in the employ of a railroad corporation when it is known to the officials of the road that he uses intoxicating liquor.

It is claimed by the plaintiff that Collins was intoxicated at the time of the assault and that he had been intoxicated the day before and fined for the offense and that Mr. Staten, having been a witness against him at the time of that hearing, was a victim of his revenge.

The defendant company claims that Collins had been employed only as a substitute and that at the time of the shooting he was not on duty and that the company, therefore, is not liable for damages.

The witnesses this morning were H. A. Staten, who was wounded by Collins; Mrs. Staten, the plaintiff's wife, who ran to his assistance; Mrs. M. J. Reed, who was an eye witness of the shooting; A. G. Barnes, a neighbor who was early on the scene, and Bert Stone, who had knowledge of liquor that Collins had. When the noon recess was taken it was expected that all of the evidence for the plaintiff would be in today.

A. F. Schwenk and E. E. Barber appeared for the plaintiff and John W. Reed, of Newport and Charles F. Black of St. Albans for the railroad company.

The divorce suit of Augusta S. Wilbur of Brattleboro against Harry G. Wilbur was tried yesterday, E. W. Gibson appearing for the petitioner. The suit of Fred Jennett against Nellie Jennett also was heard. They are Marlboro residents. Butterfield appeared for the petitioner.

EVELYN NESBITT THAW IS MARRIED AGAIN

**Becomes the Bride of "Jack Clifford,"
Her Dancing Partner—Ceremony
Hastily Performed.**

ELLCOTT CITY, Md., May 25.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was married here at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to Virgil James Montani, son of the late Brig. Gen. Joseph Montani of the Royal Italian army and nephew of Conte Esmeraldo Enrico Mulo, Italian minister of marine.

Mr. Montani is better known as Jack Clifford, his professional name for many years. For three seasons he has been the dancing partner of his bride, and it was generally believed he would wed her when her marriage bonds with Harry K. Thaw were severed.

Mrs. Thaw and Clifford, as he prefers to be called, arrived in Baltimore from New York on the 2:15 p. m. train. An automobile was waiting and the 11-mile run was quickly made. Five minutes after their arrival the marriage license had been obtained and the couple were on their way to the home of Rev. J. Edward Snyder, pastor of the Emory Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Thaw gave her name as Florence Nesbit and said she was 31 years old. Clifford put "31" against his own and gave his birthplace as California. He said he is a physical instructor, and his bride informed the clergyman that she was the stage.

After assuring himself of the validity of the Thaw divorce, Mr. Snyder quickly performed the ceremony, as Mrs. Thaw told him they wished to return to New York on the Congressional Limited, which leaves Baltimore at 5:03 o'clock. The witnesses were Edgar Goodman of Baltimore and Van Ness Harwood of New York.

"Well," said the bride as she stepped into the automobile, "this time I married to please myself and not my friends. And that means this marriage is for love. We are as happy as we can be and we are going to be happier still—if that be possible."

The break was reported to State's Attorney O. B. Hughes, Chief George Wilson and Sheriff C. E. Mann.

GEO. STOCKWELL OF NORTH ADAMS DEAD

**Was Native of Halifax and Veteran
of Civil War—Leaves Two Broth-
ers in West Brattleboro.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., May 25.

George S. Stockwell, 72, a native of Halifax and a prominent business man of North Adams, died here this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry J. Hewat. He had been in failing health over a year.

For the last 20 years he had conducted a large meat market under the firm name of Stockwell & Rosston and before that had been employed as a butcher. He served two enlistments in the Civil war. He was first a member of the 16th Vermont and later enlisted in the 61st Massachusetts. He was a prominent member of C. D. Sanford post, G. A. R., a member of the Masons and of the Odd Fellows.

He leaves his wife, two daughters and one son in North Adams and three brothers and one sister. They are Henry A. and Charles Jerome Stockwell of West Brattleboro, Edward E. Stockwell of South Framingham, Mass., and Mrs. Abbie Cole of Suffield, Conn.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at the house on Cady street and the burial will take place in Hillside cemetery.

BURGLARIES LAST NIGHT

**Three Stores on East Side
of Main Street Were
Entered**

LARGEST HAUL WAS AT F. W. KUECH'S

**About \$25 and Some Underwear Se-
cured There — Root's Pharmacy and
Simons's Fruit Store Visited—Win-
dows Reached by Ladder.**

Burglars made three breaks in stores on the east side of Main street last night, obtaining a little over \$25 in money, some underwear, some fruit, four cheap watches and a few cigars.

The stores entered were F. W. Kuech's drygoods store, Elbert Simons's fruit store and Wilfred E. Root's pharmacy. In each instance entrance was gained through back windows. A ladder was used to reach the windows in the stores of Mr. Kuech and Mr. Root, while a window in the basement of Mr. Simons's store was broken in.

To gain entrance to Mr. Kuech's store a ladder was thrown up against a rear shed from the railroad bank. This was drawn up on the shed and raised against one of the back windows of the store, the catch of which was broken, indicating possibly, as no effort was made to force one of the other windows, that those making the break were familiar with the condition of the window.

The richest haul of the night was made in this store. In two money drawers under the counters had been left about \$25, most of it in change. All of this, with the exception of one old-fashioned copper cent, was taken. In a small envelope were two gold crowns in bridge-work that had been drawn recently from Mr. Kuech's mouth. These were missing from the drawer, but were found this morning on the roof of the shed. Some men's underwear was taken, but how much is not definitely known. One undershirt was found hanging in a low tree at the rear of the building where it had been thrown evidently from the roof of the shed. Another shirt and two pairs of drawers were found on the bank.

An electric light left burning over the desk in the rear part of the store was found burning this morning. No attempt was made to open the safe.

The burglars were not able to get up stairs in the fruit store. So far as could be determined this morning only a few oranges were taken from the basement, there being nothing there to appeal to the intruders. The door of the stairway leading from the basement had been securely bolted and showed no signs of having been tampered with.

The burglars took a barrel from near the rear of the drug store and placed a ladder on that in order to enable them to reach the rear window. A piece of the upper pane of glass was broken out and the catch released. Mr. Root's store is in a state of considerable confusion, owing to the work of moving to a new location, but so far as could be determined only a little change in the stamp drawer and four dollar watches on a stand one of the cases were taken.

A peculiarity of the break in Mr. Root's store was that not a particle of glass could be found on the floor and there was none to be seen outside near the window. Mr. Root considers the burglars thoughtful to have cleaned up the debris that must have been made when the window was broken.

The break was reported to State's Attorney O. B. Hughes, Chief George Wilson and Sheriff C. E. Mann.